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Lt. Colonel Slavin of the political division of the SMA recently made the following statements 25X1X

As things then stood, it was intended to use the coming People's Congress in Berlin (18 March) only for a demonstration in favor of German unity and against "the western splitting tendencies"; however, the development of the international situation by the middle of March could easily give it a greater political function. Therefore he urged the CDU to select not its second string but its ablest men for the People's Congress and for the People's Council (Volksrat) which is to be established by the Congress.

Slavin further hinted that he was thinking of the formation of a government by the People's Congress, and not merely for eastern Germany, but one which would claim to represent the whole of Germany.

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Comment: The Volksrat, "an all-German pre-parliament", is supposed to be chosen by the People's Congress; but it is clear from this and other reports that its composition was determined some three weeks in advance by agreement of the "Antifa" Bloc.)

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